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CHRISTOPHER J. FREITAS ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/782,634

Filed: February 18, 2004

For: N-PHASE INTERFACE  
TRACKING METHOD UTILIZING  
UNIQUE ENUMERATION OF  
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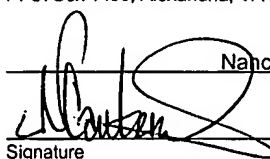
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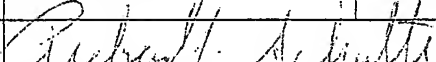
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